

**REMARKS**

The originally filed application contained claims 1-50. Claims 1-12 were originally filed and subject to a restriction requirement which Applicants reserved the rights to file a divisional application. Claim 12 has been amended without prejudice and without acquiescence to clarify the scope of the claim. Claims 13-14 have been added. Support for these claims can be found in the originally filed claims. Applicants have cancelled claims 13-50 without prejudice and without acquiescence. Applicants assert that no new matter was added.

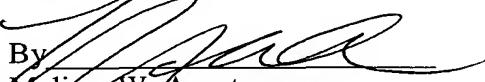
Applicants make these amendments expressly without prejudice to their right to present claims corresponding to the cancelled or amended claims in a timely filed divisional application.

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue.

Applicant believes no fee is due with this response. However, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 06-2375, under Order No. 10020446 from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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Respectfully submitted,

  
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